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REPORTING OFFICE MILWAUKEE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MILWAUKEE	DATE 11/29/74	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 8/21/74 - 11/25/74
TITLE OF CASE AUGUST SAMUEL PALMISANO, aka; STEVEN JOHN HALMO, aka Steve Halmo:		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED]	TYPED BY b6 b7C lrh
[REDACTED]		CHARACTER OF CASE ITAR - GAMBLING; IGB; OOJ; CONSPIRACY b6 b7C	

SIDNEY ALBERT BRODSON, aka
Sid Brodson;
FRANK GENO SPINELLA, aka
Frank Spinella:

ROBERT PICK, aka
Bobby Pick:

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED					☒ NONE	ACQUIT- TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES			
						none	PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☒ YES ☐ NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☐ YES ☒ NO

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1 - [REDACTED]
1 - 165-128 (BRODSON)
1 - 182-394 (SPINELLA)
1 - [REDACTED]
1 - [REDACTED]
1 - [REDACTED]
1 - [REDACTED]
1 - 165-258 (PICK)
1 - [REDACTED]

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REFERENCES

Milwaukee report of SA [REDACTED] dated 8/9/74.
New Orleans letter to Milwaukee dated 8/23/74.
Miami letter to Milwaukee dated 8/28/74.
Chicago letter to Milwaukee dated 8/30/74.
Milwaukee report of SA [REDACTED] entitled,
[REDACTED]
dated 8/27/74.
Milwaukee letter to New Orleans dated 9/4/74.
Denver letter to Milwaukee dated 9/9/74.
Milwaukee report of SA [REDACTED] entitled,
[REDACTED]
dated 9/11/74.
Milwaukee report of SA [REDACTED] entitled,
[REDACTED] dated 9/27/74.
Milwaukee report of SA [REDACTED] entitled,
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dated 10/29/74.
New York letter to Milwaukee dated 10/18/74.

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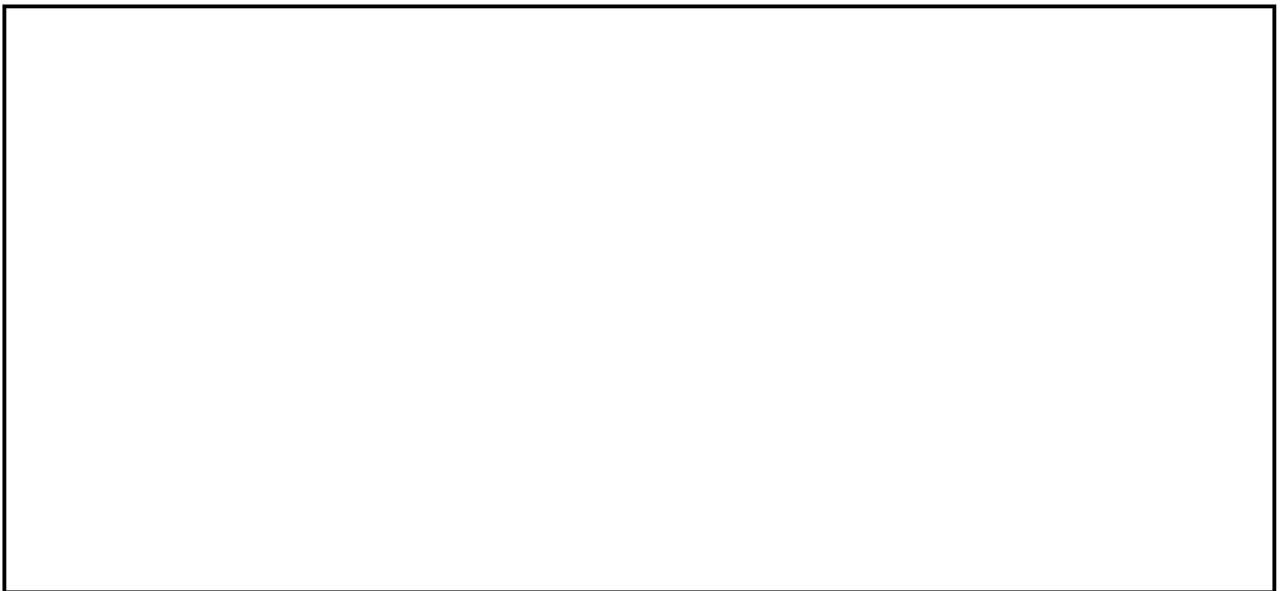
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ADMINISTRATIVE

It is noted the investigative period of this report overlaps the investigative period of referenced report in order to include information from other divisions and information not immediately available to the Case Agent at time of referenced report. Report was delayed in order to include indictment and arraignment information.

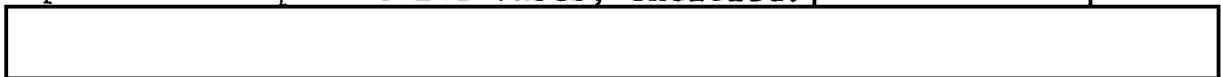
Information copies are being furnished to Chicago, Denver, Miami, New Orleans, and New York due to outstanding investigation and/or additional investigation in the future.

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For information of the Bureau, Milwaukee has opened two separate ECT cases, entitled: [redacted]

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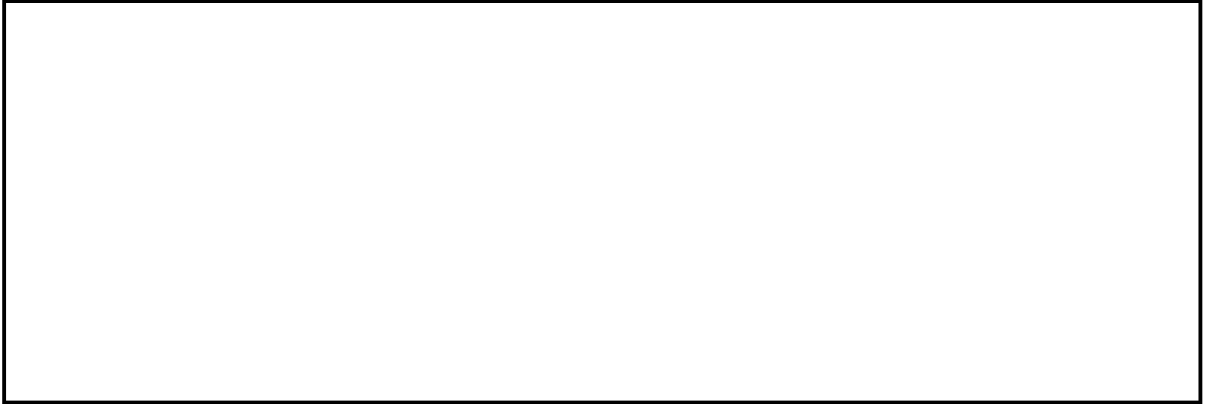


[redacted] an anonymous male caller telephonically furnished the following:

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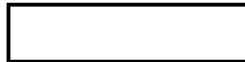


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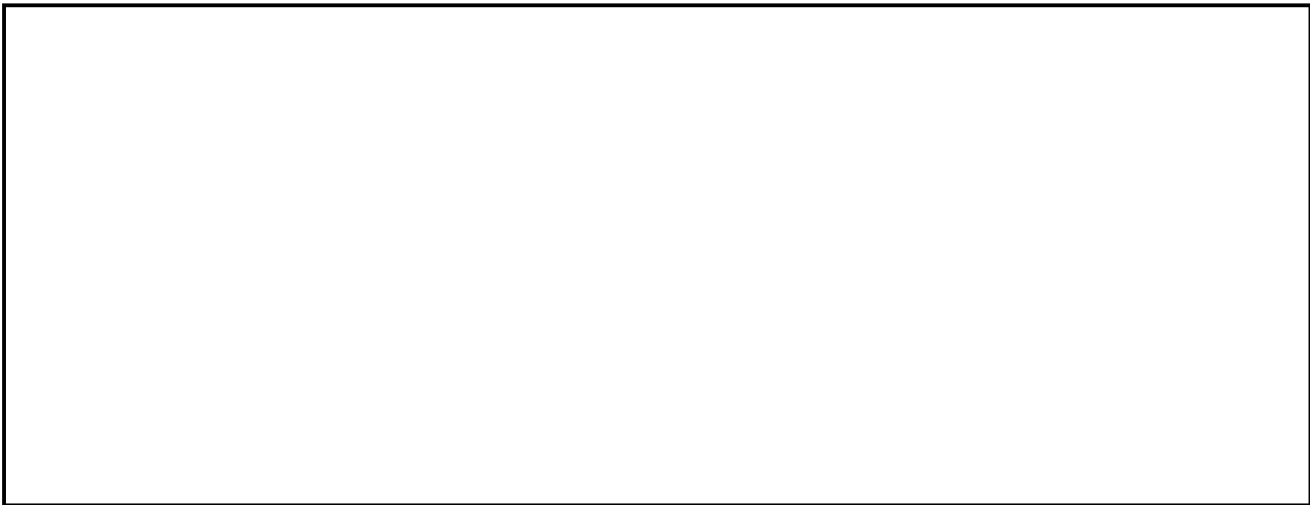


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EXTREME CAUTION SHOULD BE USED IN HANDLING THE FOLLOWING
INFORMATION DUE TO ITS SINGULARITY IN NATURE AND TO AVOID
COMPROMISING THE LIFE OF THIS VALUABLE INFORMANT.

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[REDACTED]

The pay-off is pick three teams which pays off five to one; four teams ten to one; five teams fifteen to one; and six teams twenty-six to one. The customer places his first name, the amount of money, the number of teams on the back, and indicates his picks on the front.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Source

has not been able to determine the exact extent of the conversations but will endeavor to do so.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] source also advised that [REDACTED] visits Little Caesar's on an average of once or twice a week; however, it did not appear that any gambling activities were going on between [REDACTED] and MANIACI.

Source advised that he had recently seen AUGIE PALMISANO at Little Caesar's and AUGIE is presently going with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] informant advised he heard that STEVE HALMO is continuing his bookmaking activities; however, it is informant's understanding that [REDACTED] [REDACTED] is currently not involved in any gambling activity.

[REDACTED] informant advised he had recently ascertained that [REDACTED] was currently involved in accepting bets on sporting events.

[REDACTED]

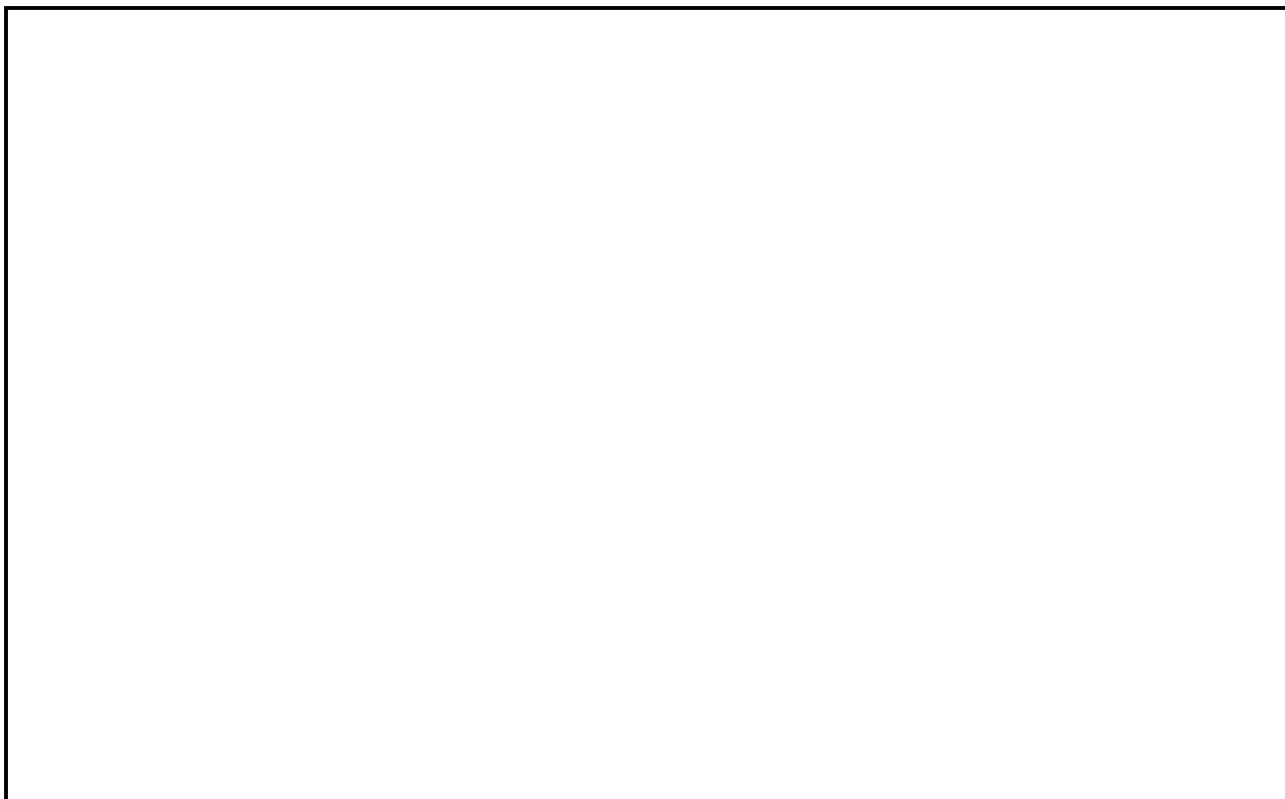
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LEADS

MILWAUKEE DIVISION

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin

1. Will continue to follow and report Federal prosecution.
2. Will continue to analyze Title III information and conduct appropriate investigation.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Milwaukee
1 - Chicago (Attorney-in-Charge, AIC, Chicago Field Office,
[redacted] (RM)

Report of: SA [redacted]
Date: November 29, 1974

Office: MILWAUKEE

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Field Office File #: MI 166-364

Bureau File #: 166-5400

Title: AUGUST SAMUEL PALMISANO;
STEVEN JOHN HALMO;

[redacted]

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Character: SIDNEY ALBERT BRODSON;
FRANK GENO SPINELLA;

Synopsis:

[redacted]

ROBERT PICK;

[redacted]

INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION IN AID OF RACKETEERING - GAMBLING;
ILLEGAL GAMBLING BUSINESS; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; CONSPIRACY.

[redacted]

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[redacted] denied knowing STEVE HALMO or being
connected with HALMO's gambling operation. EDWARD J.
WINSLOW stated he knows HALMO [redacted] BRODSON, and BOBBY
PICK but denied any gambling involvement with these men.

[redacted] identified as an employee [redacted]

[redacted] PALMISANO charged with unlawfully storing
93 sticks of dynamite in violation of Title 18, Section 844J,
by Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Bureau (ATFB).

[redacted] identified and is living in Milwaukee.

HALMO pleaded no contest regarding failure to file
income tax return for 1968. AUSA [redacted] advised that
the [redacted] group had appeared in court, had all
pre-trial motions denied, and had trial date set for
2/10/75. Strike Force Attorney advised ROBERT PICK has
indicated he will plead guilty regarding three counts of
ITWI, IGB ITAR - Gambling; and PICK will exercise his
Rule 20 option.

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Date of transcription

[redacted] was contacted at [redacted]
[redacted] was advised
of the identity of the contacting agent and that [redacted]
[redacted]

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[redacted] advised that during this period of time [redacted]
[redacted]

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[redacted] advised
that the only individual [redacted] has ever known who resided
in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, was [redacted] and stated that
[redacted] had never heard of Richie's Lounge in Milwaukee.
[redacted] advised that to the best of [redacted] knowledge neither
[redacted] or any of [redacted] relatives have ever been involved in any
type of gambling activity.

Interviewed on 8/21/74 at Baton Rouge, Louisiana File # NO 182-725

by SA [redacted] /ebc - 2 - Date dictated 8/22/74

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Date of transcription 8/29/741

[redacted]
was interviewed at the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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He was advised of the nature of the interview and was provided an FD-395 which he read; stated he understood his rights but refused to execute the form. [redacted] indicated he was willing to be interviewed and he provided the following information:

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[redacted] related he does not know STEVEN HALMO and added that the name was unfamiliar to him. He stated his home telephone number was [redacted] could provide no explanation concerning the telephone call from HALMO to [redacted] residence other than it was a wrong number.

He stated he was not involved in any gambling activity and particularly not a gambling operation from the Milwaukee area. [redacted] admitted he occasionally bets horse races but only at the track.

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[redacted] was questioned concerning the identities of the other case subjects but he indicated the names were unfamiliar to him.

Interviewed on 8/29/74 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 165-2569

SAs [redacted] and
by [redacted] DBK/dk - 3 - Date dictated

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On August 26, 1974, EDWARD J. WINSLOW, 2214 Thomas Street, Hollywood, Florida, advised that he came to the Hollywood area from Milwaukee about 20 years ago. He currently is employed at the Diplomat Hotel, Hollywood, in the Security Department.

WINSLOW stated he knows ROBERT PICK, [REDACTED] STEVEN HALMO and has met SIDNEY BRODSO. He knows these individuals from Milwaukee. WINSLOW explained that he ran a tavern in Milwaukee before coming to South Florida, and met [REDACTED] HALMO and BRODSO in this connection. He has known ROBERT PICK since childhood.

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WINSLOW remarked that he sees PICK from time to time inasmuch as PICK lives in Marathon, Florida. He also talks to PICK on the telephone from time to time.

WINSLOW advised that he sees [REDACTED] when he goes back to Milwaukee on vacation. [REDACTED] also calls WINSLOW from time to time on the telephone. The last time WINSLOW saw [REDACTED] was at ROBERT PICK's home in Marathon, Florida, about one or two years ago.

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WINSLOW commented that he saw STEVE HALMO in Milwaukee about three years ago. He has talked to HALMO on the telephone on several occasions since then.

WINSLOW added that he met SID BRODSO many years ago but has had no contact with him in recent years. WINSLOW remarked that HALMO, PICK, and BRODSO are known gamblers and have a reputation of being involved in illegal gambling activities. He has not heard the same concerning ROBERT PICK.

WINSLOW stated he does not bet nor has he been involved in any illegal gambling activities with any of these individuals. He emphasized that his connection with these men is strictly as an old friend.

WINSLOW stated he did not know AUGIE PALMISANO, [REDACTED] FRANK

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SPINELLA. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WINSLOW commented that he might have been introduced to any or all of these individuals when in Milwaukee but he did not recognize any of the names.

WINSLOW furnished his date of birth as October 21, 1916. He added that he has not been in Milwaukee in three years.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] at Denver, Colorado, on the indicated dates:

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On July 30, 1974, [redacted] Western Weighing and Inspection Bureau, (WWIB) 302 Union Station, advised that all records pertaining to leasing of vehicles from Consolidated Leasing Corporation are maintained at the headquarters office of Western Weighing and Inspection Bureau, Room 1256, 222 South Riverside Plaza, Chicago, Illinois, 60606. [redacted] suggested that either [redacted] of WWIB or his designated official be contacted with regard to referenced matter. [redacted] did not know of anyone who might have been in the Milwaukee area during August 1973 as a representative of WWIB. [redacted] advised that [redacted] WWIB, was presently on a road trip and would not be back for approximately three to four weeks.

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On August 5, 1974, [redacted] WWIB, 302 Union Station, advised that [redacted] had the blue Chevrolet Chevelle, Vehicle Identification Number 29H3K423767, until November 1972, when he turned this vehicle over to the WWIB office in Denver. [redacted] then advised that the vehicle being in [redacted] garage for a few days was picked up by [redacted] WWIB Chicago office, who drove this car from Denver to Chicago. [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that after this car arrived in Chicago sometime in late 1972 or 1973, it was assigned to Chief Traveling Agent for WWIB, [redacted]

[redacted] formerly of the WWIB Chicago office, but possibly [redacted]

[redacted] telephone [redacted] is possibly not with WWIB any longer.

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The following article appeared in the October 3, 1974, issue of the "Milwaukee Sentinel," a daily Milwaukee newspaper:

Count Filed On Stored Dynamite

The US attorney's office Wednesday charged August S. Palmisano, a Milwaukee tavern operator, with unlawfully storing 93 sticks of dynamite.

The information said Palmisano, 53, of 5358 N. Kent Ave., Whitefish Bay, stored the explosives in the basement of his

establishment, known as Richie's Tavern, 346 N. Broadway.

The information said the explosive materials did not conform to federal storage regulations.

The offense allegedly occurred on Jan. 13, Super Bowl Sunday, when FBI agents conducted gambling raids. The raids resulted in the indictment of 12 men, including Palmisano, on gambling charges.

D. Jeffrey Hirschberg, an assistant US attorney, said the maximum penalty upon conviction of the explosives storage offense is a year in prison and a \$1,000 fine.

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Assistant United States Attorney [redacted]
[redacted] Eastern District of Wisconsin, Milwaukee,
advised the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms Bureau (ATFB)
is handling the dynamite indictment and that he charged
PALMISANO with violation of Title 18, Section 844J,
which has a maximum penalty of one year in prison and a
\$1,000 fine.

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On October 11, 1974 [redacted]
[redacted]

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The following article appeared in the November 5, 1974, issue of "The Milwaukee Journal," a daily Milwaukee newspaper:

Gambler Concedes

"Steve Haimo, 52, of 716 S. 7th St., a convicted gambler, pleaded no contest Tuesday in Federal Court to failing to file a federal income tax return for 1963. Federal Judge John W. Reynolds ordered a presentence report. The date for sentencing was not scheduled.

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On November 25, 1974, Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] advised that [redacted] appeared in Federal District Judge JOHN W. REYNOLDS' Court, and REYNOLDS denied all pre-trial motions set forth by the defense attorney and set trial date for those five individuals for February 10, 1975.

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On the same date, Strike Force Attorney [redacted] advised he has been in contact with RICHARD PICK's attorney and that PICK had agreed to plead guilty to one count each of Interstate Transmission of Wagering Information (ITWI), Illegal Gambling Business (IGB), and Interstate Transportation in Aid of Racketeering (ITAR) - Gambling. PICK also has indicated he will exercise his Rule 20 rights and all papers are being forwarded to the Strike Force Attorney in Miami. [redacted] advised he will keep the FBI posted regarding PICK's sentencing.

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